

Public Notice

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MASS MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF STREAMLINED FORMS

On October 22, 1998, the Commission adopted a Report and Order significantly modifying its broadcast application and licensing procedures to make them more efficient and to eliminate unwarranted regulatory burdens. *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review -- Streamlining of Mass Media Applications, Rules, and Processes*, 13 FCC Rcd 23056 (1998) (Report and Order) [Adobe PDF only]. As part of this proceeding, the Mass Media Bureau has significantly revised key forms, replacing many open- ended narrative questions with yes-no certifications. Paper versions of the following streamlined forms will be available as of June 15, 1999:

- **FCC Form 301** Application for Construction Permit for Commercial Broadcast Station (May 1999)
- **FCC Form 314** Application for Consent to Assignment of Broadcast Station Construction Permit or License (March 1999)
- **FCC Form 315** Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Entity Holding Broadcast Station Construction Permit or License (March 1999)
- **FCC Form 316** Application for Consent to Assign Broadcast Station Construction Permit License or to Transfer Control of Entity Holding Broadcast Station Construction Permit or License (March 1999)

While applicants are strongly encouraged to use the revised forms once they are available, the Commission will continue to accept the current versions through July 14, 1999. **Effective July 15, 1999, applicants must use the revised forms. Old versions will be automatically returned. Applicants should note that return of an application may have a significant impact on procedural rights (e.g., since FCC Form 301 "minor change" applications are processed on a "first come/first serve" basis, return of an application will delay receipt of cut-off protection).**

We remind applicants that the streamlined forms require certification that each question has been answered based on the applicant's review of the application, instructions, and worksheets, and that applications filed on the revised forms will be subject to the random audit program as described in the *Report and Order*. See *Report and Order* at para. 66-76. Additionally, we remind applicants that while applications for assignment or transfer must still be filed in triplicate, only a single paper copy of any relevant sales agreements and/or contour overlap maps need be filed. See *Report and Order* at para. 42, 49. Procedures for filing the revised forms electronically will be announced by subsequent Public Notice.

As of June 15, 1999, copies of the revised forms may be obtained at the Commission (Room TW-B200), by writing to the Commission's Form Distribution Center (9300 East Hampton Drive, Capital Heights, Maryland 20743), or by telephone (202/418-FORM or 800/418-FORM). The revised forms will also be available on the Internet (www.fcc.gov/formpage.html). For

further information, please contact Brad Deutsch (202/418- 2717), James Brown (202/418-1600), or Jackie Swank (202/418-2621).

By: Chief, Mass Media Bureau

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